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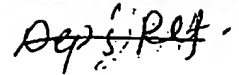
Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 09840449 in the amount of \$200.00 has been denied .

Fee was for additional independent claims in excess of three. Claim 44,61,75,87 and 100.

Sincerely,

VINCENT STUART  
Technical Center Others  
703 308-9010 x177



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Dang, Khanh  
Group/Art Unit: 2111  
Atty. Dkt. No: 5500-98900

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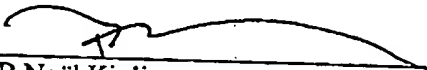
April 21, 2006  
Date

Applicant requests a refund of excess claim(s) fee charged to deposit account no. 501505 in the amount of \$200.00 on August 10, 2005. Applicant originally submitted fees for nine independent claims and cancelled five on a Response to non-final Office Action mailed May 10, 2005. On the Response to Office Action of August 10, 2005 applicant added one independent claim and therefore no fee was incurred.

CANCELLED

Applicants respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$200.00 to deposit account no. 501505/5500-98900. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



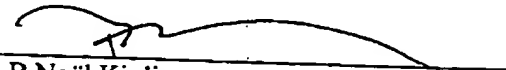
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# MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE CALCULATION SHEET

SERIAL NO.

FILING DATE

APPLICANT(S)

## CLAIMS

	AS FILED		AFTER 1ST AMENDMENT		AFTER 2ND AMENDMENT	
	IND	DEP	IND	DEP	IND	DEP
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TOTAL CLAIMS						

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TOTAL IND.						
TOTAL DEP.						
TOTAL CLAIMS						

**PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD**  
Effective October 1, 2000

Application or Docket Number

09/840449

**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	56	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	56 minus 20 =	36
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3 =	1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

815-05

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	43	56	0
Independent	5	4	1
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total			
Independent			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total			
Independent			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	355.00
X\$ 9=	
X40=	
+135=	
TOTAL	

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	710.00
X\$18=	648.00
X80=	80.00
+270=	
TOTAL	1438.00

SMALL ENTITY

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X40=	
+135=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	50
X40=	200
+135=	350
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	200.00

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X40=	
+135=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X80=	
+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X40=	
+135=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X80=	
+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

\* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.  
 \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."  
 \*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."  
 The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.